Your task is to analyze and critique the syllabus from two courses taught here this semester. You will be sent them by email by tomorrow morning.

Submit by email to me a separate (.pdf) file for each syllabus you critique using the naming convention Instructor_coursenumber.pdf (e.g. if you critiqued my 2301 syllabus use Mohlenkamp_2301.pdf). Do not include your name anywhere in the file; I will send it to the person you critiqued.

A sample/template is below:

Syllabus Critique

• Instructor ...name...

• Semester: Fall 2013

• Course: MATH... name....

Required Content

Section IV.A.3. of the Faculty Handbook requires certain elements be included in the syllabus and distributed on the first day of class. See http://www.ohio.edu/facultysenate/handbook/current-handbook.cfm for the full text of these requirements. Below is the analysis of whether or not the syllabus contains these elements.

- 1. (a) Instructor's name: present
 - (b) Call number: absent
 - (c) Descriptive title: present
 - (d) Catalog number: present
- 2. Intended learning outcomes or objectives: absent
- 3. Basis for grading: present
- 4. Attendance policy: present
- 5. Policy on academic misconduct that either refers to a common policy or includes:
 - (a) A definition of academic misconduct: present
 - (b) A list of the range of sanctions: present, nonspecific
 - (c) A statement that students may appeal: absent
 - (d) A statement that University Judiciaries may impose additional sanctions: absent
- 6. Policy relative to legitimate absences: absent
- 7. (optional) Copyright: absent
- 8. Information regarding
 - (a) Accommodations for students with a disability: present
 - (b) Resources offered by the Office of Student Accessibility Services: absent
- ... comments [could be with individual items]

Expected Content

Some other information is generally expected on a syllabus.

- 1. Term: present
- 2. Textbook/required materials: present
- 3. Class location/time: present
- 4. Catalog description: absent
- 5. Contact info (email, office number): present
- 6. Office hours: present
- 7. Requisites: absent
- 8. Time and location of final exam: absent
- ... comments [could be with individual items]

Other Useful Content

Some further information is helpful to include.

- 1. Topics or sections in the textbook to be covered: present
- 2. Schedule of topics, homework, tests: absent
- 3. Policies on missed or late work: absent
- 4. Additional resources (books, websites): absent
- \dots comments \dots [could be with individual items] This syllabus also contained information on \dots

Overall Comments and Recommendations

To bring this syllabus up to standard, the following improvements should be made:

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To make it a great syllabus, I also recommend:

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- ... comments ...